

## LAKE COUNTY ENCOURAGES WATER-EFFICIENT LANDSCAPING

The seven basic principles of water-efficient landscaping are:

- Good design
- Soil improvement
- Use of mulch
- Limit lawn areas
- Plant low-water use plants
- Efficient irrigation
- Appropriate maintenance

## FLORIDA FRIENDLY LANDSCAPING

Florida Friendly encourages specific water conservation measures including the re-establishment of native plant communities, the use of site specific plant material and the use of native vegetation. Water-efficient landscaping maximizes the conservation of water by using native plants and efficient water methods that will generally result in a reduction of irrigation requirements, cost, energy and maintenance.

### THE FOLLOWING RESOURCES MAY BE HELPFUL:

#### Lake County Extension Office Horticultural Learning Center

1951 Woodlea Road, Tavares, FL 32778

Phone: (352) 343-4101

Web site: <http://cfextension.ifas.ufl.edu>

E-mail: [cfedunak@ifas.ufl.edu](mailto:cfedunak@ifas.ufl.edu)

#### Florida Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services

Division of Forestry

9610 County Road 44, Leesburg, FL 34788

Phone: (352) 360-6676

Web site: [www.fl-dof.com](http://www.fl-dof.com)

#### University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences

Web site: <http://aquat1.ifas.ufl.edu>

#### Institute for Systematic Botany

Web site: [www.plantatlas.usf.edu](http://www.plantatlas.usf.edu)

#### Association of Florida Native Nurseries

Web site: [www.afnn.org](http://www.afnn.org)



## LAKE COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF  
GROWTH MANAGEMENT

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### MISSION STATEMENT OF THE LAKE COUNTY ZONING DIVISION

To provide the best customer service possible to the citizens of Lake County by affording a total range of services; continually improving the customer's experience with Lake County Government.

## UNDERSTANDING LAKE COUNTY'S RESIDENTIAL TREE REQUIREMENTS



## LAKE COUNTY

DEPARTMENT OF  
GROWTH MANAGEMENT  
*Zoning Division*

For more information about zoning,  
contact the Lake County Zoning Division  
at (352) 343-9641.

For more information about safety  
inspections, contact the Lake County  
Building Division at (352) 343-9653.

## WHAT ARE THE TREE REQUIREMENTS FOR A RESIDENTIAL SITE?

- Two trees for 6,000 square feet or less.
- Three trees for lots 6,001 to 10,000 square feet.
- Five trees for lots 10,001 square feet to 1 acre.
- Three trees for each additional acre in excess of one acre. But no more than 15 trees for total acreage.

### FOR EXAMPLE:

Five acres	15 trees
Four acres	14 trees
Three acres	11 trees
Two acres	8 trees
One of the required trees shall be planted within 10 feet landward of the right-of-way for lots less than or equal to a 1/2 acre.	

### EXISTING TREES MAY BE COUNTED FOR TREE REQUIREMENTS PURSUANT TO THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- The tree must be in very good health and free of pests, disease or injury.
- The tree can be deciduous, coniferous or evergreen, but no more than 25 percent of the existing native palm species shall count toward the tree requirement. One native palm shall count as one tree.
- The tree shall not be a prohibited species.

- The minimum size of an existing tree to count toward a tree requirement is 2 inches caliper at 6 inches from the ground, with a minimum height of 8 feet, and a minimum spread of 4 feet for trees and 4 feet of clear trunk (tree-form) or 5 feet from ground surface to apical bud (shrub-form) for palms.
- The tree shall count toward the replacement requirements for the Lake County tree-removal permit or required landscaping for site plan or residential development. The tree shall not count toward both requirements simultaneously.

### THE CALIPER OF AN EXISTING TREE CAN COUNT TOWARD REQUIRED TREES AS FOLLOWS:

CALIPER OF EXISTING TREE	NUMBER OF TREES CREDITED
2' - 6"	1
7" - 12"	2
13" - 18"	3
19" - 24"	4
25" - 30"	5
36" - 41"	6
42" and greater	7

### WHAT SIZE DOES THE TREE NEED TO BE?

For a tree to be counted toward the minimum-tree requirements, it must have a minimum size of 2 inches in caliper at 6 inches from the ground, be 8 feet tall, have a 4-foot spread and 15-gallon container size or greater.

### LIST OF SOME RECOMMENDED TREES *Canopy Trees*

American Elm	Red Maple
American Holly	Oct. Glory Maple and cult.
Live Oak	Sugarberry
Loblolly Bay	Sand Pine
Bald Cypress	Swamp Black Gum
Loblolly Pine	Sweet Bay Magnolia
Cabbage Palm	Dahoon Holly
Longleaf Pine	Sweetgum
Palatka Holly	Hornbeam/Bluebeech
Savannah Holly	American Sycamore
Persimmon	Laurel Oak
Slash Pine	Tuliptree
Red Bay	Water Ash/Pop Ash
Southern Magnolia	

### LIST OF PROHIBITED TREES

*The trees listed below are prohibited from being planted or counted toward minimum-tree requirements.*

Australian Pine	Empress Tree
Melaleuca	Tree of Heaven
Chinaberry	Chinese Tallow Tree
Ear Tree	Japanese Tallow Tree
Eucalyptus species	Camphor
Brazilian Pepper	California Privet*
Silk Oak	Cedar Gum
Paper Mulberry	

*\*both shrub and tree forms*